

## House Resolution 1765

By: Representatives Loudermilk of the 14<sup>th</sup>, Nix of the 69<sup>th</sup>, Lunsford of the 110<sup>th</sup>, Cheokas of the 134<sup>th</sup>, Pruett of the 144<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for their service to the citizens of Georgia and inviting  
2 certain members to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol was founded on December 1, 1941, as an organization of  
4 volunteers to assist the United States military in national defense by performing aerial coastal  
5 patrols and emergency services within the continental United States; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1943 the capabilities of this new volunteer organization were recognized as  
7 vital to national defense, and by Presidential Executive Order, the Civil Air Patrol was  
8 assigned to the War Department and was subsequently chartered by Congress to perform  
9 three distinct missions - emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet programs; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol consists of over 1,800 volunteer  
11 members in 42 squadrons and six groups located throughout this state; and

12 WHEREAS, members of the Georgia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol have consistently  
13 volunteered their services, time, and resources to serve as an intricate component of our  
14 national defense by conducting missions in homeland security, counter drug, disaster relief,  
15 and search and rescue; and

16 WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol air and ground teams perform over 90 percent of inland search  
17 and rescue missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center; and

18 WHEREAS, qualified aircrews were deployed to take aerial reconnaissance photos of flood  
19 damage in northwest Georgia in September, 2009; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia Wing squadrons have been awarded the National Squadron of  
21 Distinction in 2008 and 2009; and

22 WHEREAS, the estimated value of the Georgia Wing members' volunteer hours in 2009 was  
23 \$4.2 million; and

24 WHEREAS, these "flying minutemen" of the Civil Air Patrol have, since its inception,  
25 consistently provided this state with invaluable emergency services, aerospace education, and  
26 cadet programs.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body recognize the selfless contributions the volunteers of the Civil Air  
29 Patrol have made to the State of Georgia and invite Southeast Region Commander Colonel  
30 James M. Rushing, Georgia Wing Commander Colonel Tonya R. Boylan, and Georgia Wing  
31 Chief of Staff Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Knight III to be recognized by the House of  
32 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of  
33 Representatives.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Colonel James M. Rushing,  
36 Colonel Tonya R. Boylan, and Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Knight III.